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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed January 2, 2009, in connection with the aboveidentified patent application, Applicants hereby request continued examination pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 and entry of the following amendments and remarks. Applicants also request a three (3) month extension of time, for which a petition and the permission to take the appropriate fee are attached hereto, making the new due date July 2, 2009.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.